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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0153]

### Standard Format and Content of License

### Termination Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory guide; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing Revision 2 to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.179, “Standard Format and Content of License Termination Plans for Nuclear Power Reactors.” This RG (Revision 2) provides general procedures acceptable to the NRC staff for the preparation of license termination plans (LTPs) for nuclear power reactors. This RG also describes the acceptable format and content of LTPs for nuclear power reactor licensees to terminate their licenses and release their sites. Revision 2 does not contain substantive changes in the NRC staff’s regulatory guidance since Revision 1 was issued. It provides updated references, minor corrections, and other editorial changes.

**DATES:** Revision 2 to RG 1.179 is available on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Discussion**

The NRC is issuing a revision to an existing guide in the NRC's "Regulatory

Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information regarding methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the agency’s regulations, techniques that the NRC staff uses in evaluating specific issues or postulated events, and data that the NRC staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The NRC typically seeks public comment on a draft version of a regulatory guide by announcing its availability for comment in the *Federal Register*. However, the NRC may directly issue a final regulatory guide without a draft version or public comment period if the changes to the regulatory guide are non-substantive.

The NRC is issuing Revision 2 of RG 1.179 directly as a final RG because the changes are non-substantive. Revision 2 of RG 1.179 incorporates updated references, minor corrections, and other editorial changes to be aligned with NUREG-1700, “Standard Review Plan for Evaluating Nuclear Power Reactor License Termination Plans,” Revision 2, issued April 2018. The changes in Revision 2 of the RG are administrative in nature. The changes are intended to improve clarity and do not substantially alter the NRC staff’s regulatory guidance for the acceptable format and content of LTPs for nuclear power reactor licensees.

## **II. Backfitting and Issue Finality**

Issuance of this regulatory guide does not constitute backfitting as defined in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 50.109, “Backfitting” (the Backfit Rule), and is not otherwise inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. As discussed in the “Implementation” section of RG 1.179, revision 2, the NRC has no current intention to impose the RG on current holders of an operating license or combined license.

### **III. Congressional Review Act**

This RG is a rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801-808). However, the Office of Management and Budget has not found it to be a major rule as defined in the Congressional Review Act.

### **IV. Submitting Suggestions for Improvement of Regulatory Guides**

Revision 2 of RG 1.179 is being issued without public comment. However, you may at any time submit suggestions to the NRC for improvement of existing RGs or for the development of new RGs to address new issues. Suggestions can be submitted by the form available online at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/contactus.html>. Suggestions will be considered in future updates and enhancements of the RG.

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